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## **Sir John Johnson House designated a national historic site**

WILLIAMSTOWN, Ontario, May 19, 1995 - The Honourable Michel Dupuy, Minister of Canadian Heritage, and Mr. Don Boudria, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell M.P. and Government Whip, today officially recognized the Sir John Johnson House as a structure of national historic and architectural significance with the unveiling of a Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque.

Minister Dupuy unveiled the commemorative plaque during a special ceremony this afternoon in front of the pioneer structure. "Each successful initiative within our communities, together with the federal government programs to honour and recognize segments of our country's history, not only increases our knowledge and our wealth of cultural and natural resources but also contributes to reinforcing our identity as Canadians," said Minister Dupuy. "This commemoration ceremony is an excellent example of what pride and belief in the value of one's heritage can accomplish," he added.

Sir John Johnson, a leading Loyalist figure in the late 1700s, raised a regiment in defence of the British Crown and inspired many to follow his example and settle in Upper Canada. With today's ceremony, the Sir John Johnson House joins the more than 750 other national historic sites that are located across Canada. This is an example of how the federal government is working with Canadians to preserve the cultural heritage of Canada.

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada advises the Minister of Canadian Heritage on the historic importance of people, events and places in Canada as well as the architectural interest of heritage buildings.

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